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Extracts from a letter from Charles Phelps Esqr. directed to his Excellency Governor Clinton and the Honorable Legislature of the state of New York,

„Sr. I humbly pray your Excellency attention to this my most humble desire praying your most kind ~~kind~~ and important ~~Importance~~ influence upon the minds of the Honorable Legislature that my Account for my expence to Congress &c in behalf of this patriotic state in a matter of so much importance to the Justice the secured rights of Jurisdiction the Emoluments and lasting tranquillity of this whole state against the lawless and treasonable, pretended domination of such a contamanatious most violent insulting headstrong and ferocious People of Vermont risen up in the Woods among the mountains snatching at the Helm of Government wrenching the awfull and sacred sceptre thereof out of the hands of those who were lawfully commissioned to wield it. To the infinite prejudice of this whole State and in contempt of the Authority of Congress and to the whole Magistracy of this and in its consequence to that of the whole United States. Where for the matter of my negociation demanding my utmost attention of Body and mind to have all things done in the best manner I was capable in Govermental matters of such great weight delivery and consequence to the whole state of which I have the honor of being a member tho' it seems by the wise Conduct and in the just esteem of this honorable Legislature but a workless on in-

Wherefore I most humbly pray to ask why I may not be paid for my whole expence as well as all other servants of the State &c. And it is the universal practice of this and all other states to pay in full for their expence Time &c. and why I should be exemted I know not so contrary to all Customs in such cases as served this State in who am Sir your Excellency and the honorable Legislatures most humble and obedient servant and ever true Legal Subject at Command.

Charles Phelps.